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CURRENT SENSOR AND METHOD FOR OPERATING

SUCH A SHEATHED-ELEMENT GLOW PLUG

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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Further to the Interview Summary form mailed on May 26, 2004, Applicants submit this Statement of the Substance of Examiner Interview regarding the interview held on April 7, 2004 between the undersigned attorney and Examiner Vinod Patel.

I. Claims Discussed

Claims 15, 26 and 29 were discussed.

II. Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 6,483,079 issued to Sato et al. was discussed.

III. Amendments Discussed

Applicants' attorney proposed to amend claims 15, 26 and 29 to include the additional limitation "wherein the first and second electrodes are not connected to the first and second lead layer." Furthermore, the Examiner proposed adding Fig. 5 to show an additional cross-sectional view through heating element 5.

IV. Principal Arguments Presented

Applicants' attorney noted that the additional feature added to independent claims 15, 26 and 29 would distinguish these claims, as well as their dependent claims 16-25, 27-28 and 30-31, over U.S. Patent No. 6,483,079 since U.S. Patent No. 6,483,079 did not teach or suggest this feature.

V. <u>Outcome of the Interview</u>

Examiner Vinod Patel indicated that the proposed amendments would put the application, including claims 15-31, in allowable condition.

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